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Family Day

Due to the Family Day long weekend, advertising deadline for the February 21 issue will be 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15. Enjoy the holiday!

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4-H Multi members demonstrate skills

Vicki Brooker photos

Wide range of talents on display

Three teans and three individual presenters took home trophies from Sunday's Elk Point 4-H Multi Club public speaking competition. Back row, left to right are: Robyn Ockerman, who with brother Tyler (at left in front row) placed second in Senior Presentation, Madison MacDonald and Leanna Gibson, second Intermediate, Morgan Baker, first Intermediate, Dayle and Bailey Oster, first Senior. Dana Gibson (centre front) placed second in Junior Presentation, with Dustin Pinder first in the Junior category.

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

For the first time ever, presenters equaled speakers at the Elk Point 4-H Multi Club's Public Speaking competition on Sunday, with five teams of two and six individuals taking to the stage with their hands-on explanations of their skills and favourite pastimes. Eleven Junior and Intermediate speakers also came to the microphone, with competition so close in the Junior race that a second round of impromptu speeches was needed to break a tie for second place.

Mackenzie Evans took a very well-thought-out look at what she would do "If I won a million dollars" in her prepared speech, with plans to study animal husbandry and then to focus on animal rescue and horse training. This, coupled with an impromptu on "Why I like school," earned her the Elk Point Review trophy as first in Junior speaking. Kailey Wirsta, with a prepared speech on her favourite horse, "Hobbes," and an impromptu on the touchy topic, "My mother made me…" tied with Abby Baker, speaking on he favourite sport in "Baseball" and telling about "My best friend" in her impromptu. Kailey was declared winner of the Knotty Boyz award after both gave a second impromptu on "A visit to the zoo." *(Continued on Page 3)*

Top 4-H speakers

Elk Point 4-H Multi Club's top public speakers are (left to right) Matthew McAnaally, second Intermediate, Nolan Vogel, first Intermediate, Kailey Wirsta, second Junior and Mackenzie Evans, first Junior.

New vice president, meeting day for chamber

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce has a new meeting day, after many years of meeting on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Beginning March 1, the chamber will meet once per month, on the first Thursday of each month. Additional meetings could be called by the executive if necessary, but it was agreed that in most cases, one meeting per month would be adequate.

The meeting date change was agreed upon at last week's annual meeting, where acting president Debra McQuinn was voted in as the chamber's 2012 president, Dwayne Yaremkevich became the new vice president, and treasurer Geoff Hyslop and secretary Vicki Brooker returned to their positions for another term.

"The car show will be the next big thing," the new president told the membership, "and then we need to think of fundraisers to get the operating loan brought down. I hope everyone will support the chamber's efforts and do what they can to help us." McQuinn has sent out the membership applications and information, but to date, has only received memberships from 17 businesses. "I'll give them a few more days and then I'm going to start calling to remind them."

Last year, the chamber had a total of 42 members.

The Elk Point Chamber of Commerce is affiliated with the Alberta Chamber of Commerce, giving members a variety of benefits, ranging from eligibility to purchase group insurance to receiving special rates for Visa and MasterCard processing, payroll service, hotel accommodation and other value-added programs.

What is more, McQuinn said, chamber membership "gives you a platform you can use to bring concerns forward. People need to understand that we're more than a visitor information EcoCentre and the events we put on."

Town manager Myron Goyan agreed that the chamber members "have to blow our own horn. The EcoCentre and Extravaganza take time, and people don't seem to realize that."

"You can't just enjoy the good things without doing something to help make them happen," Hyslop added.

Other business coming before the annual meeting included the setting of 2013 membership fees, which will remain at $100 for another year, and authorization to apply for the Canada Summer Jobs and Summer Temporary Employment Program grants that are used to pay the visitor information staff. One résumé has already been received from a potential summer employee, the president noted.

Planning is well underway for a one-day Renewable Energy workshop to be held in Elk Point on June 13, Bob Bezpalko told the chamber. Paul Pelletier is coordinating the conference and finds it is generating "a lot of interest," Bezpalko said, adding that the event "diversifies the opportunity for new businesses in the region."

Budget 2012 released

Tim Banman
Review contributor

The Progressive Conservative Party released its budget to mixed reviews on Thursday.

The budget predicts expenses at $41.1 billion and revenue at around $40.3 billion, for a deficit of $886 million. The government plans to dip into the Sustainability Fund to cover the deficit, leaving the fund with $3.7 billion.

"I think this is a very positive budget," said Minister of Transportation Ray Danyluk, MLA for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills. "It's a commitment to Albertans by responsibly investing in programs in support of Alberta's quality of life without raising taxes."

The 2012 budget positions the province to balance the budget next year, he added.

The budget will improve access to healthcare, help the growing seniors population and ensure a better quality of life for the vulnerable, said Danyluk. The budget will also improve the education system, he said.

The government predicts revenue to grow 4.6 per cent, adding $1.8 billion, due primarily to higher tax revenue, federal transfers and investment income offset by slightly lower non-renewable resource and gaming revenue, the financial overview notes.

Danyluk previously called for more equitable health transfers for Alberta. The increased funding this year came with an announcement Alberta would move to per capita funding in 2013. Danyluk said he is happy with the premier's work with the prime minister to change the funding formula.

"It will help support our health care. Our health care budget continues to grow, as well our health care needs continue to grow," he said. The province gains 100,000 people every year, he added. "They don't come with schools. They don't come with health care, so we need to ensure somehow we are able to provide that service."

"Without a doubt," St. Paul and area will receive a share of the federal transfer increase, he said.

The government plans to invest $100 million to improve access to primary health care and mental health services, as well as to increase the maximum monthly living allowance for the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped by $400 per month.

Local transportation priorities include finishing the pavement gap on Highway 646 by Fork Lake and Highway 631 south of Myrnam, as well as to continue twinning Highway 63 to Fort McMurray, said Danyluk.

Tax revenue is forecast at $17.9 billion, an increase of 8.7 per cent due to strong growth in personal and corporate income tax revenue, the financial overview indicates. Education property taxes remain the same, but because property values increased the province expects to collect $1.8 billion, a 6.5 per cent increase.

The government expects resource revenue to increase by 19 per cent per year and reach $16 billion in 2014-2015. The increase in revenue is due to initiatives in the oilsands, said Danyluk. "There were incentives for oil companies to develop in Fort McMurray and those incentives are coming off, so you're going to have more royalties from that production."

"They're essentially predicting a 40 per cent increase in resource revenues over the next two years. They're basing all of their projections on record oil prices and a massive increase to natural gas prices," said local Wildrose Party candidate Shayne Saskiw, last week. "This type of spending isn't sustainable."

If oil prices dip, the government will blow through the entire Sustainability Fund and run record debt levels, he added.

The actual cash shortfall is $3.1 billion because the government did not account for infrastructure projects, "which we feel should be included in the deficit projections," added Saskiw.

Budget opposition

Local opposition party candidates slammed the PC budget and made preparations for a spring election campaign last week. Saskiw plans to open the Wildrose Party campaign office in St. Paul on 50 Avenue on Saturday.

The Wildrose Party released its budget alternative on Friday, which claimed would offer a $1.6 billion surplus and a $16 million cash surplus. Wildrose would increase operational spending by $854 million, a 2.5 per cent increase as opposed to the PC's 6.9 per cent increase over 2011.

Wildrose would find most of its savings by cutting corporate welfare, said Saskiw, pointing to $2 billion used on carbon capture and underground storage, and the Alberta Venture Fund.

"Government shouldn't be in the business of being in business … This is a question of priorities."

Wildrose would also eliminate Alberta Enterprise Corporation to save $103 million and would dismantle Alberta Health Services, which it claims would save hundreds of millions of dollars "in inefficiencies."

The Wildrose would try to save money by cutting back 30 per cent of cabinet salary, the amount wages increased in 2008 when MLAs voted for a pay hike, as well as eliminate the MLA severance packages, which can reach hundreds of thousands of dollars in payouts when MLAs leave office. The party would reduce the government worker to manager ratio, freeze management bonuses, freeze public sector salaries and reduce cabinet from 20 to 16 ministries.

Wildrose calls for $4.1 billion in new infrastructure, including twinning Highway 63, long term care facilities for seniors and urgently needed schools. The plan would delay capital projects for which "the government has no money to fully staff or maintain," to save $1.6 billion.

PCs have raised spending by 91 per cent in the previous nine years, double the rate of inflation plus population growth, according to the alternative budget. The Sustainability Fund surpassed $16 billion in 2009-2010 but will be reduced to $3.7 billion.

Wildrose increases would include $800 million for 1,000 nurses, technicians and support staff in health care and $100 million to improve access to emergency rooms and doctors. Wildrose would match the $400 per month AISH increase and would budget $50 million for 1,000 senior care support works for home care, long term care and assisted living.

Alberta Liberals did not present an alternative budget but claimed they would offer "budget honesty while PCs hide behind a coward's budget," in a press release last week.

"With oil at a hundred bucks a barrel, everyone is wondering why this government has us over the barrel financially," leader Raj Sherman said. Sherman claims a progressive tax and a rise in corporate tax are needed to address the deficit.

Over the next few years, there will be a huge increase in the oil generated in the Conklin area, said local Liberal candidate and Lac La Biche County Coun., John Nowak. He said the resource revenue projections of increase of 19 per cent per year are probably not off the board, but added, "I'm relatively distrustful of this government in general. That's why I'm running against it. I don't necessarily agree with the numbers they bring forward."

Nowak said he supports Sherman's call for taxes. "I think a little more tax on the industrial end of things, I think that's definitely warranted if we want to become a more progressive province that puts an emphasis on our quality of life and health."

The progressive tax would be a three per cent increase on taxable income between $100,000 and $150,000, five per cent on $150,000 to $200,000 and seven per cent on $200,000 and over.

He added he wants to see more fiscal conservatism.

"I'm seeing a province where our service level has deteriorated, our taxes remain still some of the best in the country, but for the average person I don't think we're getting the value for our dollar that we should be getting."

Nowak wants to see government programs restructured to get rid of a "really thick middle layer of management."

"I think we have to really look at restructuring the government and getting rid of that layer of bureaucracy," Nowak said.

Nowak plans to host a meet and greet at the St. Paul Legion on Feb. 23 at 7 p.m.

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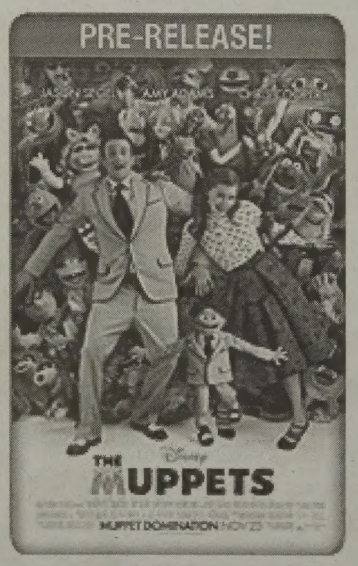

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4-H Multi Club members demonstrate skills

Morgan Baker spoke knowledgeably about the various aspects of horse tack at the speak-off. More photos on Page 5.

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Nolan Vogel spoke knowledgeably about "Remote Control cars and trucks" in his prepared speech and had the audience laughing with his take on "Chores" in his impromptu to place first in the Intermediate group for the Big M Mechanical trophy. Matthew McAnally told of his experiences in "My first year" in 4-H in his prepared speech, followed up with an impromptu praising the 4-H leaders to place second for the Lakeland Tire trophy.

Other speakers included Payden Wells, Nicole Bristow, Carson Vogel, Everett Smith, Tessa Pindroch and Brycen White.

All three age groups were represented in the presentations, with Dustin Pinder showing off his skills with Lego, an enthusiasm he shares with his father, to win first in the Junior age group. Second place went to Dana Gibson, who stirred up some "Carrot Cake Cupcakes" and demonstrated how to decorate them. Both Juniors received plaques sponsored by Elk Point Community Lions.

The Community Lions also sponsored trophies for the Intermediate group, where Morgan Baker placed first with her polished presentation on "Western Tack" and Madison MacDonald and Leanna Gibson second with their teamwork on "Volleyball."

Sisters Bailey and Dayle Oster won the Senior competition with a power-point presentation on "Dominican Experience 2012," a multi-school educational trip they will take next month as part of a program they described as "A platform for economic and social change" for the residents of that country. Siblings Robyn and Tyler Ockerman showed the similarities and differences of their "Tool Boxes" in t4

heir showcase of mechanical and culinary skills, to place second.

Ashley and Alexis Bristow, with the hows and whys of livestock branding, Taylor Robbie and Lindon Nelson, with information on pulling calves, Fawn Ockerman with information about bridles, and Tammy Roberts and Wolke Cueva with a pair of presentations about hockey gear also were part of the presentation lineup.

Daphne Schnurer and Parrish Tung spoke on behalf of fellow judges Laura Lilje, Melanie Sloan, Doris Osinchuk and Elaine Ziomek, praising participants for "an amazing job" and for "showing a lot of courage" by getting up on the stage to speak to a large audience.

Popular attractions could be missing on Canada Day

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Some popular attractions could be missing from this year's Canada Day lineup, unless new organizers come forward to fill the gaps, the Elk Point Canada Day Committee learned at their first meeting of the year.

Elk Point Christian Community Church has decided to discontinue their always-popular pie tent, but some of their volunteers will be organizing an inter-denominational church service to start off the day, since Canada Day is on Sunday.

The Farm Survival Challenge that has filled the stands with spectators for a number of years may also be a casualty, as that event's organizer, Dave Pilisko, has retired from the committee and no one willing to take over has stepped forward to this point.

Laverne Wilson is willing to once again oversee the children's activities, and hopes to add a petting zoo to the lineup. The bounce castle proved to be so popular last year that the committee hopes add a second and perhaps a third to shorten wait times. With the increased activities, it was agreed to double the one-hour time frame for the children's games, and possibly to keep the bounce castles open even longer, if sufficient volunteers are available. Face painting and nail décor are also distinct possibilities.

A children's version of the Farm Survival was suggested to entertain the youngsters later in the afternoon.

A variety of performers were suggested to entertain on the Canada Day Stage during the afternoon, and will be contacted to determine their interest in being part of the two-hour show.

The Elks Lodge has confirmed that members will once again serve up a beef-on-a-bun supper, but other food concessions are yet to be confirmed. The chamber of commerce has not yet been contacted to confirm the pancake breakfast.

The Strong Man competition and Canada Day Idol are also waiting for confirmation.

Committee treasurer Deanna Easthope has confirmed that the federal government grant application has been submitted, and she plans to contact the parade band and fireworks provider and apply for an Air Force flyover in the near future.

The next Canada Day meeting is slated for the first week of March.

Family Day weekend offers plenty of fun

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

There's plenty of family-style fun in store for Elk Point and district residents this weekend, with activities scheduled for all three days.

Elk Point 4-H Multi Club is kicking off the celebrations with their first-ever Country Fair on Saturday evening at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre, complete with cotton candy, popcorn and hot dogs to enjoy while you try your luck at as many games as will fit into the 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. time frame. Then it's time for a country-style hoedown dance where the whole family can kick up their heels to some lively tunes. Dress western and come out and join the fun!

Early Sunday afternoon, it's back to the Arts and Leisure Centre for a free showing of "The Muppets" movie at 12:30 p.m., courtesy of the Town of Elk Point, with snacks available from a concession operated by the F. G. Miller Class of 2012 as a fundraiser for their upcoming farewell ceremonies.

On Family Day, Feb. 20, the action moves to the A. G. Ross Arena, where town council and their staff will be cooking up free hot dog and hamburgers and serving hot chocolate to get everyone fueled up for the free skating session from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

And of course, there's also free fishing all across Alberta on Feb. 18, 19 and 20 – no license required, although all other fishing regulations must be followed. It's a great way to "take a kid outdoors" and introduce a new generation to this popular sport.

Have a fantastic Family Day weekend, everyone!

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Editorial

Twenty years already!

It's hard to believe that the Elk Point Seniors' Recreation Centre is already marking the 20th anniversary of its grand opening.

This centre is another of Elk Point's success stories, the proof that hard work and dedication definitely pays off. We pay tribute to those now gone, whose persistence and hard work made the Pioneer Circle's dream of a new drop-in centre become reality, to those who were part of that team and are still soldiering on in its service, and to the new generation of seniors who are learning the ropes to carry on this legacy for the community, a facility that makes Elk Point 'The right place to be' for our seniors.

Way Back When...

Golf club lease, seniors' centre, making progress

Here's the news that made the headlines of the Elk Point Review and the Lakeland Review for the week of Feb. 14 in...

1987

Inspector Lloyd Hickman of the St. Paul RCMP subdivision swore in the Elk Point Detachment's new Auxiliary Constable. Russell Hebblethwaite. The liveliest discussion at town council in some time involved the golf club's lease agreement, with one amendment allowing for redevelopment of the golf course layout to allow the town to develop ball diamonds and other recreational amenities.

1992

MLA John Drobot cut the ribbon to officially open the new Seniors' Recreation Centre, with MLA T. N. Musgrove of the Seniors Advisory Council, the Hon. Ken Kowalski, Minister of Lotteries, federal government representative Larry Ruptash and Mayor Bruce Kleeberger among the honoured guests. Millie Orr edged out Dave Yake in a close vote for chamber of commerce president, with Vernon King taking the vice-president's chair, Victor Stepa elected as secretary and Vicki Brooker as treasurer.

1997

Don Clark and Vulcan Electric won their fourth consecutive Elk Point Oilmen's Heavy Oil Grand Challenge, their sixth in eight years, with a victory over Don Anderson's rink. The recently formed community health council heard presentations from Lakeland Regional Health Authority CEO Bill Bell, the Licensed Practical Nurses, the Area Diabetes Education Committee and Elk Point Interagency Health Committee.

2002

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce had an all-new executive, with Glen Harms as president, Jonny Nielsen as vice president, Joan Bauman as treasurer and Loree Aarbo as secretary, and was ready "to make progress happen." An exercise instructing about 150 oil industry workers in the techniques necessary to clean up oil spills on provided classroom instruction at the Elks Hall followed by hands-on training on the North Saskatchewan River near Heinsburg.

2007

Elk Point Elementary School teachers and students bundled up and took to the streets for the SHAPE Alberta Winter Walk, enjoying the jaunt in bright sunshine despite -26 degree temperatures. "Remembering our past, looking forward to our future" was chosen as the theme for the joint celebration of Elk Point's Centennial and Canada Day.

Guest Column.

Happy Valentine's Day

deanna EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

Valentine's Day has many rumored beginnings, with one of the most romantic (and believable) being that the holiday is named after Saint Valentine, a priest who lived in third century Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decreed that marriage was outlawed because single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, Valentine defied the law and married young lovers in secret, until the day he was discovered, sentenced to death, and thrown into prison. There he met and fell in love with the jailer's blind daughter, and because of their love, her vision was restored. Then, as a final act of love before he was sent to his death Valentine wrote her a love note and signed it "From your Valentine."

Valentine's Day itself goes back to ancient times, when people paid honor to the Roman God of Fertility. This was known as the Feast of Lupercalia, and was celebrated even then on February 14th.

The traditions of Valentine's Day are broad and many. It is a time to exchange cards or small gifts. Chocolates and jewelry are the big hits of this holiday as is romantic dinners. It is romantic event for lovers and a fun event for kids and family.

Flowers are a beautiful symbol of expression. Though there are many varieties of flowers like daisies, irises or daffodils that can be gifted on Valentine's Day, the rose wins hands down when it comes to popularity and relevance as far as the occasion goes. The word rose has come from the Latin word rosa, meaning red, and the flower has been a symbol of love since ancient times. The rose was supposedly created by Chloris, the Greek goddess of flowers. The colour of a rose is a silent communication of the feelings that are being conveyed from the receiver to the giver. (For example, white represents true love, purity of the mind and reverence; pink represents grace, gentle feelings of love; yellow represents friendship, celebration and joy; red represents love and passion; green represents calm, orange represents enthusiasm and desire; and purple represents protection.)

Since the days of the Aztecs, chocolate has been used as a gift. Today a box of luxurious quality chocolate says a thousand "thank you's", "good luck", or "I love you". Chocolate can be given as a way of saying "congratulations", "I am sorry" or "get well soon". On Valentine's Day chocolate clearly says "I LOVE YOU!" Chocolate is more than food, it not only fills your belly but also makes you feel sooooo good.

Elaine Sherman wrote "Chocolate is heavenly, mellow, sensual, deep, dark, sumptuous, gratifying, potent, dense, creamy, seductive, suggestive, rich, excessive, silky, smooth, luxurious, and celestial. Chocolate is downfall, happiness, pleasure, love, ecstasy, fantasy ... chocolate makes us wicked, guilty, sinful, healthy, chic, happy." What more could you want to say to your lover on Valentine's Day? Even the scientific name for the tree from which chocolate is derived, Theobroma cacao, translated from Greek, means "food of the gods".

A favourite chocolate cupcake recipe follows.

1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
¼ teaspoon baking soda
2 teaspoons baking power
¾ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1/8 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons butter, softened
1 ½ cups white sugar
2 eggs
¾ teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup milk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well with each addition, then stir in the vanilla. Add the flour mixture alternately with the milk; beat well. Fill the muffin cups ¾ full. Bake for 15 to 17 minutes. Frost with your favorite frosting when cool. Enjoy and have a Happy Valentine's Day, everyone!

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Dustin Pinder, above, showed off a wide array of projects large and small, made from Lego, including one treasured item made by his dad Dale as a youngster.

Elk Point 4-H Multi Club members all did a great job of honing their speaking and presentation skills on Sunday.

Below, senior demonstrators Roayn and Tyler Ockerman show off the contents of their respective tool boxes and explain the items' uses.

OBITUARY

WARREN, Anna May

On February 11, 2012, Mrs. Anna May Warren of Elk Point passed away at the age of 93 years.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Maureen (Don) Rae & Diane (Gint) Tromposch; 6 grandchildren, Donald Rae, Bonnie Roscoe, Douglas (Sacha) Rae, Josef (Nicole) Tromposch, Erika (Steven) Newsome & Jonathan Tromposch; 7 great-grandchildren, Katie & Cameron Roscoe, Alexandra, Samantha & Natasha Rae, Josef & Owen Tromposch. She was predeceased by her husband, Newton; mother, Elna; 2 sisters, Gladys Parsons & Elsie Clark; 2 brothers, Harold Parsons & Norman Parsons; uncle, Chris Christensen.

At the family's request, there will be no memorial service. Cremation has taken place and private inurnment will take place at a later date. If desired, donations may be made to a charity of one's choice c/o Box 1780, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0. To send condolences online, visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com

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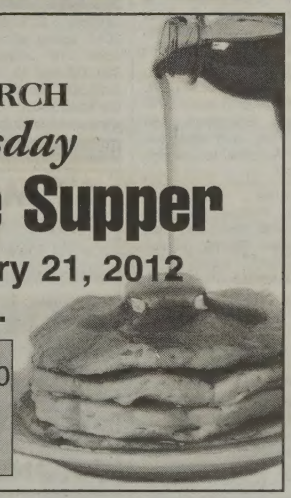

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190. Announcements

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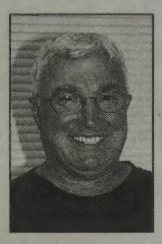

It's a long road to the provincial finals. Especially long, if you're the Peewee Avalanche who boarded the bus this past Sunday morning at 7a.m. and traveled five hours north to Wabasca. But, riding the bus on a long road trip can be one of the best ways to bond as a team. The Avalanche did bond and meshed together as a team and played as never before, one of their best games ever.

The Avalanche, down by only one goal heading into their second game of the second round, played exceptional. They needed to win by two goals and had a 3 to 2 lead at one point in the second period. I'm usually not one to question the officiating, because I know how tough it is to get anyone to do it, but the feed back I was getting from everyone's points of view was, it was not the greatest refereeing we have seen and this was an important provincial game. Normally in a provincial game, we as an association try to bring in some outsiders and use a three-man system. The team battled all kinds of adversities, two long road trips, playing the third game in three days, and then on top of all that losing one of their top players; Alex Hunter ejected from the game in the third period on a real questionable call. Plus, another one of the Avalanche top scorers "the Bull" was away on holidays. The final score was 7 to 5 for Wabasca.

A hat trick for the naturally talented Alex Hunter, (no wonder they wanted him out of this game), the speedy right winger "Pick Pocket" Chad Poitras picking the corner with one, Ross "Rosy" McGillivray buried one deep into the mesh as well. His brother "Garrett the Goalie" with the hot glove, kept the boys in it until the final buzzer. A tough pill to swallow, and a long ride home, but at the end of the day we can still say, we're really proud of our guys, they battled hard to the bitter end, never once did they weaken, give up, throw in the towel or whine.

These guys should have used their air miles with the distant they traveled this past weekend. Consort played here Friday night in a league game that had to be finished this past weekend, then the peewee team turned around and traveled down to Consort on Saturday, before Sunday's the five-hour bus trip north to Wabasca.

Losing 7 to 3 on Friday night at home to Consort, Alex Hunter scoring two goals and adding an assist. A Gordie Howe hat trick for Austin "Ozzie" Stafford who played one of his best games of the season, going strong both ways he scored a goal and an assist and a trip to the sin bin.

Down in Consort on Saturday the team lost by a similar score, the "Big O "Brody Odgaard and Alex Hunter scoring. These games were meaningless for our team, the Avalanche had already missed the playoffs, but Consort was still in the hunt so the games must be played or our team would face a fine or suspension.

The peewee team's season is virtually over, not making the playoffs and now eliminated from further provincial play. And that's something I don't agree with, I believe every team should have made the playoffs, even if the top four teams play off and then the rest in the bottom half have their own playoff, a home and home series, but having a season end, when it's not even the middle of February is ridiculous. Don't get me going on this one!

The team will be doing some major re tooling after this year, some players are moving up from atoms to peewee, peewees moving on to bantams and unfortunately for us, some players are moving on to another town. The McGillivray family, Kevin and Leona, and the boys Ross and Garrett will be leaving for Boyle at the end of the month. Kevin is a member of the RCMP and has taken a transfer there. This family will be truly missed by myself and everyone else involved in hockey. And not only will I miss them at the rink, I will miss them on the ball diamond as well, where the boys played some very competitive baseball. It's not every day that you meet two very nice polite boys like "Garrett the Goalie" and "Rosy' McGillivray. Two competitive athletes with good attitudes and great parents, the kind of parents who are always willing to come and help out where ever needed. Our loss is Boyle's gain, but I know someday on the diamond or in the rink, our paths will meet again!

Novice Avalanche

A great weekend for the Novice Avalanche with two big wins; winning 11 to 3 on Saturday over in Mallaig and winning 11 to 2 on Sunday in Bonnyville. In Mallaig, hat tricks for Jaden "Jet Stream" Van Maarion and Ronan "Radar" Poulin, two goals each for the "Little Angel" Charlie Rogal and " Lightning Liam" Ludlage, and a single for Luke "Skywalker" Poulin. Goalie "Sexy Slader" Hardcastle in the cage for this one did a terrific job. Personally I like Slader the "Gator" better, but it's hard to argue with him, because he said, "I'm sexy and I know it".

Up in Bonnyville on Sunday it was "Radar" between the posts, four goals for "Little Angel" plus a couple of helpers "Jet Stream" with two goals and four assists, "Lightning" with a couple, "Danny Boy" Cardinal with a goal and an assist, "Skywalker" with one, and Evan "Ernie" Ockerman with a blistering shot from the point for one.

Atom No. 1

This team has been playing better and better every week as they prepare for their playoff run. The Atom No. 1 Avalanche, winning 4 to 1 against the top team in the tier two league, taking them out, right in Mallaig's own barn on Saturday. In fact Mallaig hadn't lost a game all year. Darrian "the Dominator 'Rybchinsky in net was fantastic. Colton "B Train" Van Maarion, Wolke Cueva, Dustyn Pankiw and Kaiden "K Rock" Evans-Anderson doing the Avalanche scoring.

On Sunday the Atom No. 1 hosted Vermilion, finishing the game with a 4-all tie, Two goals for Wolke Cueva, who after being moved up from defense to a forward line, showed the coaching staff that it was a good move on their part and that he has a real nose for the net and knows how to use it. Another nosey guy, a hard nose guy that is, team Captain Dustyn Pankiw with a goal. Playing out in this one, Darrian "the Dominator" Rybchinsky he found the twine with one and assisted on one, Corbin "Crusher" Ockerman, Kaiden "K Rock" Evans-Anderson and Devon "Naz" Nazarchuk with the other assists.

Atom No. 2

The Atom No. 2 team hosted Pierceland late Saturday afternoon. Zachary "Scooter" Tchir scoring his first goal ever, the "Raging Paige" Henderson and her brother "Sam I am" also scoring.

Micro Novice

Our Micro Novice team was playing in Mallaig on Saturday as well, winning big time. Josef Theriault with his first hat trick ever, Sam "Spiderman" Poulin, "Mick Jager" Fontaine, "King Kong Konner" Poitras all with hat tricks, a good game for "St. Nic" Penner who scored two, and the towering center man Vanden "Mario" Moroziuk with a goal and two assists. Jayci Marcoux, Gavin Kadutski, Halle Moroziuk and Kade Fontaine all on the score sheet with assists.

Midget A Canadiens

Former Avs Jamison Wozniak and Wyatt Dewan were back on the A. G. Ross ice Saturday night when the St. Paul Midget A Canadiens stemrollered Two Hills, with a 13-2 onslaught, Wyatt taking it easy in net for a large part of the game while Tanner Hellquist racked up four goals, Darrell Stranger and Chase Delve a pair each, and Jamison, Mitchell Thomson, Josh Bespalko, Kris Trach and Mikael Beaudoin one apiece. This win, on top of last week's 6-2 victory, sends St. Paul off to take on Lac La Biche for the zone championship, and then both St. Paul and Lac La Biche will compete in Provincials.

A Happy Valentines Day today to everyone, but especially to my lovely wife Donna! "Roses are red, violets are blue, I love hockey almost as much as I love you!"

And now for the K.A.Campbell quote of the week. "Gold medals aren't really made of gold. They're made of sweat, determination, and a hard-to-find- alloy called guts." Last week's answer to:" I f you are going to be a champion, you must be willing to pay a greater price." – Bud Wilkinson. Do you have a sports scoop? Now you can email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com

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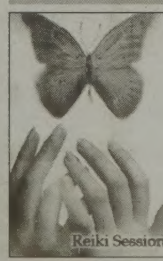

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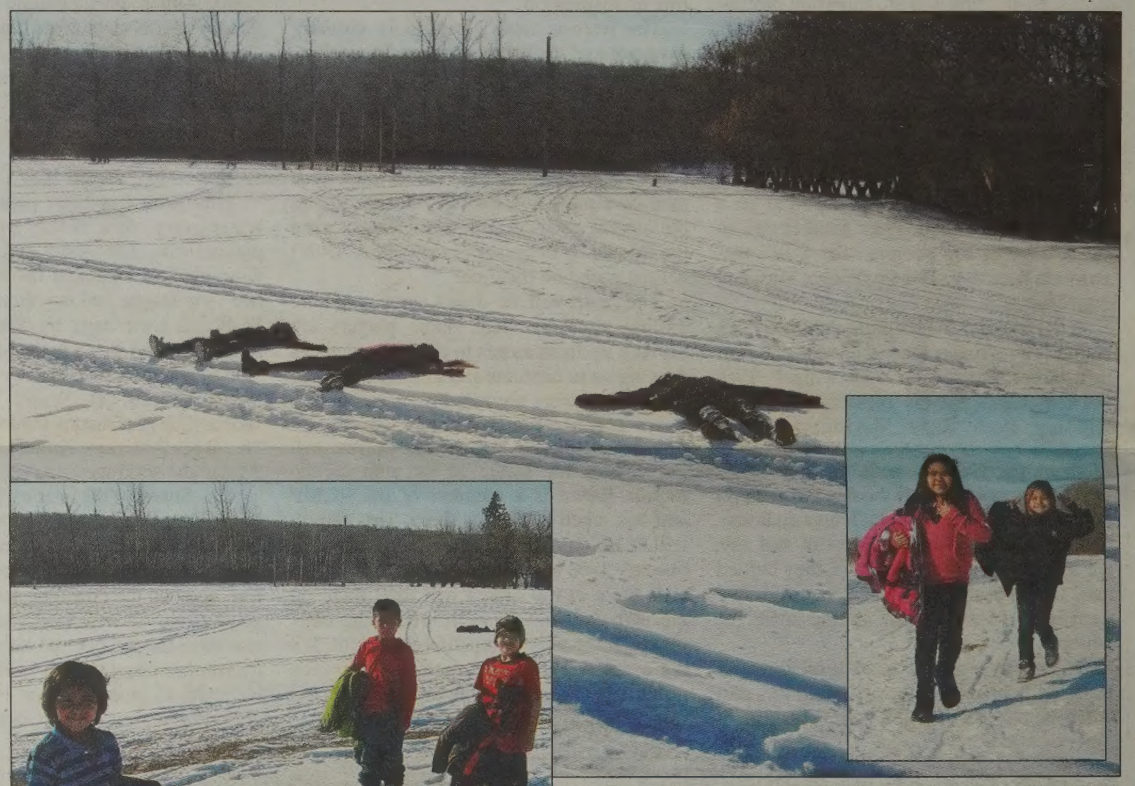
Elk Point Elementary students stopped for an exercise break soon after leaving the school grounds during Wednesday's Winter Walk, which was part of a province-wide initiative promoting fitness and activity.



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Heinsburg's winter walkers

Heinsburg Community School students Corbet Daniels, Hayden Rabbitskin, and George Moyah, shown at left, enjoyed the Winter Walk last Tuesday. The students above claimed to be exhausted from their walk to the water tower and back, but Santana Cross and Samira Waskahat, above right, smiled all the way back to school.

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